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LAST VOWS

Ten Fathers pronounce their Last Vows on Feb. 2, 1943: Frs. Brusher, Dan McGloin, Paul O'Brien, Bacigalupi, Carr, Coony, Hanley, McKee, Reed, and Want.

ALMA

The 1943 ordination dates: June 9-10, subdiaconate and diaconate at Menlo Park; June 12, priesthood at the cathedral.

Dec. 13. Gas rationing has reduced Sunday visitors; only one group came.

Messrs. Tichenor and Ernsdorff served on the gas rationing board. Mr. Jacobs received his final naturalization papers. Frs. Ballesteros and Pena renewed their permits to remain in the country. Mr. Teufel went to Missoula, where his father has receivd the last sacraments.

A chalice has been donated by Miss C. Donohoe of Atherton, in memory of her father and mother.

The 67 theologians who serve in the Ground Observers Corps received identification cards from the IV Fighter Command. Those who have watched 100 hours or more received arm bands from the U. S. Army Air Force. A new record was set during the month, when the post reported 69 planes in 24 hours.

Through the kindness of Fr. Deasy of Santa Clara, "Eternal Life," depicting the ceremonies of the Mass, was shown at Alma.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

At a school assembly Fr. Rector cautioned the students against rumors of the imminent closing of all but relatively few colleges. In the absence of reliable confirmation, Loyola is making plans for "business as usual" during the coming semester.

On "Fathers' Day" at the game against New Mexico, the fathers of the Loyola players sat on the bench and wore the son's jersey number.

Br. Pereira has planted a vegetablel garden to offset the food shortage. He is thinking of raising chickens.

Mr. John Bourdeaux, who as bandmaster for several years gave the University Band national prominence, has enlisted. He will be stationed at the San Bernardino Air Depot as Musical Director.

Sam Blanco, former cook at Loyola High, is cooking at the University.

LOYOLA HIGH

Fr. Coffey's Christmas party netted $800 for the Mothers Guild scholarship fund.

An R. O. T. C. unit and band marched in the Holy Name parade on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dec. 7. At the invitation of the Catholic Legionaires, they assisted at the Cathedral.

Dec. 6. Loyola Sodalists were ushers at the Cathedral for Benediction in honor of Archbishop Cantwell's Silver Jubilee.

Christmas baskets for poor families were collected by Sodalists and distributed.

Frs. Bacigalupi, Hesser and Ransford, and Mr. Walsh are taking night courses at City College.

Several Seniors have taken their physical exams, and are to be drafted into the Army in January.

Dec. 8. The four Sodalities held a solemn reception. Owing to the large number, Frs. Rector and Flynn officiated in receiving the Sodalists. There were speeches at breakfast, then games and picnics.

Loyola High's varsity football team defeated the C. I. F. champions of Redondo, won the Catholic League title, and finished the season undefeated and untied.

Fr. Ransford attended the conference of Principasl at U. C. L. A. to discuss preparation of students for college. College Freshmen were asked to state what they felt the high schools lacked in this matter. The list made up at the end of the day contained what we are giving our students.

Mr. Walsh and his staff have completed part of the 1943 annual.

LOS GATOS

St. Ignatius Chapel has been moved

from the room near Fr. Fector's office to the Juniorate side of the house.

A crucifix mounted on "an oaken cross" has been placed above the St. Ignatius statue in the Ignatian Gardens.

Dec. 9. Fr. Collins returned from Santa Barbara, where he helped during the Long Retreat.

Dec. 13. Frs. Rector and Brolan assisted Bishop Connelly at the Confirmation in the Los Gatos parish church.

Due to lack of workmen, the Juniors under the able direction of Fr. Doerge have taken over the care of the garden at the Novitiate.

Dec. 16. Fr. Rector celebrated the Community Mass for the repose of the soul of Fr. General.

BELLARMINE PREP

The Sodality's annual food drive was a great success.

Over 900 attended the annual card party at the Bellarmine Dads' Club.

Dec. 8. About 90 boys attended the reception of candidates into the Sodality. Fr. Hauck gave an inspiring talk on the first sodality.

The Sodality gave a Christmas party for the Sunday School students of public schools. Frs. Healy and Bourret took charge.

Two resident students have already been inducted into the army.

Several beautifully colored historical maps dealing with Californiana hang in the school corridors.

Christmas Supply

Fr. Bourret, Sacred Heart Acad., S. F.
Fr. Fabris, St. Genevieve's, Fresno.
Fr. Franchi, Healdsburg.
Fr. Healy, St. Cecelia's, S. F.
Fr. Kelleher, Oakley.
Fr. Nagle, Watsonville.
Fr. Robidoux, St. Michael's, S. F.
Fr. Toner, Niles.

SAN FRANCISCO

A drive for the Missions netted $500 in the high school.

The bond sales for the first semester reached $3,000. We were the second per capita leader among the city schools.

Fr. Toner gave the Gentlemen's Sodality retreat. The men assembled in the domestic chapel.

Dec. 13. During the visit of the U.S.S. San Francisco, members of the crew were invited to Mass. Only a special delegation could come. Fr. Heckerl, navy chaplain, made special mention in his sermon of Admiral Callaghan, a St. Ignatius alumnus, in charge of the cruiser before he was killed in the line of duty.

SANTA CLARA

Dec. 7. The University R. O. T. C. was reviewed at Stanton Field by Major Gen. A. C. Gillem, Commanding General of the 2nd Army; Capt. D. Mackey, Commanding Officer of Moffett Field; and Lt. Col. W. Gasper, U.S.M.C. Fr. Rector commemorated Pearl Harbor. Fr. Walsh paid tribute to those who lost their lives during the first year of war.

Dec. 9. After a semester of probation, a group of new members were received into the Sodality.

The University newspaper, under the direction of Mr. Moore, has been awarded the rating of All-American by the Critical Service of the Associated Collegiate Press. This is the highest rating obtainable, representing a superior classification.

At the December meeting in Berkeley, Fr. Shipsey was elected to the executive committee of the S. F. Regional Collegiate English Association.

The Law School rated 100% in the recent Bar Examination. Also a Law Professor who had already passed the New York State Bar Examination, was admitted to the bar in this state.

Over 400 students have enlisted in the various Reserve Corps of the Army, Navy and Marine forces

In the December "Owl," a Latin elegy on Fr. Nobili, written by an unknown contemporary, is edited and translated by Fr. Malone.

The students contributed $58 for the Propagation of the Faith.

Dec. 18-19. The Principals and Vice-Principals of the Province High Schools met with Fr. Duce at Santa Clara to discuss educational problems.

Through the "Eternal Gift" presented by the Sodality, some $90 were obtained for the foreign missions.

Dec. 15. The students received Holy Communion at the Requiem Mass celebrated by Fr. Rector for Fr. General.

Br. Schaeffer from Los Gatos spent a week of rest at Santa Clara. Br. Moreno returned to Los Gatos.

CHAPLAINS

Fr. Clark has left for overseas. He is wtih the 59th Evacuation Hospital, and promises word of his safe arrival and post office address.

Fr. Copeland is still suffering from jaundice. He hoped to be out of the hospital (State Hospital, Ward 71, Fort Belvoir, Va.), by New Year's. His sickness probably saved him and his com-

panions from being lost in the sinking of the two transports off the coast of Africa. He should have been with those ships.

Fr. Crowley, (Hq. 108 Infantry, A.P.O. 961, San Francisco, Calif.), listened to himself broadcasting three times from Honolulu. He did not recognize the speaker's voice.

Fr. Johnson has done Harvard and is now located with 607 C. A. Regt., Camp Hulen, Palacios, Texas.

Fr. Kavanagh is located at N. A. S., Pensacola, Florida.

Fr. McGrorey is to make his military tertianship at Harvard. He expects to go there shortly, from his busy post on Puget Sound.

Fr. O'Mara hopes to make a hurried visit to San Francisco after New Year's. He has a 7-day leave; but the round trip from Camp Barkeley to San Francisco seems to necessitate an AWOL. When he returned to camp from Harvard, he received a universal reception from men and officers alike.

Fr. Stretch pronounced his Last Vows in Australia on Oct. 9. They were received by Chaplain Anthony G. Carroll, S.J., of the New England Province. Fr. Stretch reports that his parish is 300 miles long and 300 yards wide.

Fr. Sullivan has a busy day with the coming and going of the navy and the marines.

FR. JOSEPH M. PIET

1876 —Dec. 1, born at St. Etienne d' Orthe, France.
1893-95—May 18, began novitiate at De Smet. Was with Frs. Brogan, Purcell, Pat O'Reilly, O'Shea.
1895-99—Taught at St. Ignatius Miss.
1899-02—Phil. at Gonzaga.
1902-03—Taught at St. Ign. Mission.
1903-07—Theology at St. Louis. Fr. Asst. was in philosophy.
1906 —Jun. 28, ordained by Ab. Glennon in St. Louis.
1907-11—Pastor at St. Paul's, Mont.
1911-12—T'ship at Poughkeepsie, New York. With Frs. R. V. Burns, Gilbert, John Hayes.
1912-13—Minister and Socius to Fr. Thornton, at Los Gatos.
1913-18—Rector and Master of Novices at Los Gatos.
1918-19—Master of Novices, Tertian Instructor at Los Gatos.
1919-24—Master of Novices, Los Gatos.
1924 —May 11, Provincial.
1924-32—California Provincial.
1932 —Feb. 2, Division of California and Oregon Provinces.
1932-38—Rector T'ship, Port Ttownsend.
1939-42—Spir. Fr. at Mt. St. Michael's.
1942 —Oct., to Santa Barbara.
—Oct. 20, to Santa Clara.
—Nov. 28, died at Santa Clara.

Fr. Piet's first years in this country were spent in the Indian Missions, where he made his novitiate and taught five years. He had no juniorate. After theology he spent four more years with the Indians.

He spent eleven years at Los Gatos as Minister, Socius, Rector, Master of Novices, and Tertian Instructor. As Rector he built the south wing of the Juniorate, and the large attractive chapel, a monument to his memory. This chapel replaced a small, one-story room which for thirty years had done duty as the Domestic Chapel. As Provincial he continued the building at Los Gatos, pushing the construction of the north wing of the Juniorate, the Novitiate Wing, and the Brothers' Wing.

As Provincial he originated the "Western Jesuit" in a very casual way, by remarking that it would be good to have such a magazine. Some months later, between Act I and Act II of a play at Santa Clara, he leaned over and asked why the bulletin had not been started. It was a shock to learn that the casual remark had been a "go ahead" signal.

He was tactful. A California football grievance was referred to him. His Oregon telegram was: "Do nothing till I come." On the day of the game he arrived. Both sides asked with indignation: "What are we to do?" "Do nothing. Play the game."

While he was Provincial, the division of the Province took place, and the Oregon Province received its name. He made San Jose the Provincial Residence in California.

Under his optimistic and kindly encouragement, the following progress was made in California. The High School was separated ffrom Santa Clara University and moved to Bellarmine Prep. The little wood school in Hayes St., San Francisco, expanded into the imposing University Building and attractive campus on the hilltop; and into the splendid High School on Turk and Shrader. In Los Angeles, Loyola University moved away from the High School, leaving classrooms and campus to a school which needed evry bit of space for its own expansion. The depression which jeopardized the financial condition of the two Loyolas, was an unforseen misfortune. Brophy College in Phoenix, Arizona, was a generous benefaction:

but the times were bad and funds were low; and the place had to be surrendered. Vocations were numerous in both parts of the Province. Today California and Oregon enjoy the goodly results.

While he was instructor at Port Townsend, his health began to fail noticeably; he was sent as Spiritual Father to Mt. St. Michael's. Two cancers eventually made further service impossible; hoping for relief, he came to California. A miracle was prayed for in honor of Ab. Seghers, but was not granted. He said his last Mass on Nov. 16; on Nov. 28 he died at Santa Clara. The Oregon Provincial said the funeral Mass; Fr. Rice read the prayers at the grave. Fr. Piet was buried on his birthday, next to Fr. Menager. Both came from France. Both belonged to the Oregon Province. Both had two brothers who were priests. It is fitting that their remains rest together.

FATHER JOHN D. NESTOR

1858 —Aug. 3, b. in Galway, Ireland, of Patrick Nestor and Sarah Flynn.
1876 —Sept. 7, began novitiate at Milltown Park, Ireland.
1876-77—Novice at Milltown Park.
1877 —Oct. 1, came to Santa Clara.
1877-78—Novice at Santa Clara.
1878 —Sept. 8, vows at Santa Clara. (Fr. Aloy. Brunengo).
1878-79—Junior at Santa Clara.
1879-82—Teacher, St. Jos., San Jose.
1882-85—Philosophy, San Francisco.
1885-88—Teacher, St. Joseph's San Jose.
1888-92—Theology, Woodstock.
1891 —Aug. 30, ordained at Woodstock by Card. Gibbons.
1892-93—Submin., Teacher, Los Gatos.
1894-95—Tertian, Florissant.
1895-98—Min., Teacher, San Jose.
1896 —Feb. 2, Last Vows, San Jose (Fr. D. J. Mahony).
1898-99—Submin., Pastor, Los Gatos.
1899-08—Pastor, Los Gatos.
1908-15—Asst., St. Aloy., Spokane.
1915-16—Asst., St. Jos., Seattle.
1916-19—Minister, Los Gatos.
1919-23—Asst., St. Jos., San Jose.
1923-24—Asst., Santa Barbara.
1924-32—Asst., St. Jos., San Jose.
1932-42—Conf. dom., Loy. High, L. A.
1942 —Jan. 5, d. at Loy. High, L. A.

VARIA

Fr. Brusher working on his thesis, spent some time at the University of Toronto. Fr. Corcoran finished his comprehensives some months ago. Fr. Harold Ryan has been doing his comprehensives.

Fr. John O'Farrell came west for a needed rest. His work in increasing subscriptions for "Jesuit Missions" is heartily praised by Fr. Alexander. The rest was delayed by the serious illness of Mrs. O'Farrell.

Nov. 29. Fr. McQuillan was inaugurated as pastor at St. Joseph's, San Jose.

An Oxford Dictionary, gift of Mrs. Parrott who was also very generous to the China Mission, is at St. Joseph's.

Dec. 16. Solemn Requiem at St. Joseph's for V. R. Fr. General. Msgr. Maher was present, also the Bellarmine student body and faculty, and Ours from other houses.

Dec. 18. Solemn Requiem sung at the Cathedral in San Francisco coram pontifice. The Provincial was celebrant; the local Rectors and Superiors held the other offices at the Mass. The priests' choir and the Sisters sang the Mass. A large number of Sisters, some eight or nine Monsignori, members of the diocesan and religious clergy were present.

Dec. 19. Solemn Requiem sung by Fr. Whelan at Blessed Sacrament. The Mass was announced the day before to the 1000 and more who were present for the Novena of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Dec. 22. Solemn Reqiuem at St. Ignatius, San Francisco. This service had been delayed by the Mass at the Cathedral. It was announced as a result at all the Sunday Masses.

Dec. 6. Pearl Harbor Day was honored by a magnificent celebration at St. Ignatius, San Francisco. The Church was filled both downstairs and in the balcony, with quite a number standing in the back. The Mass was full military with the High School Officers serving in uniform, the University R.O.T.C. acting as a Guard of Honor, and the High School R.O.T.C. as Color Guards. The bugle substituted for the bell at Mass. At the end taps were sounded for the thousands fallen in the war.

El Retiro has had 40 soldiers as guests for weekend retreats. For the week-end of Dec. 18, a 3-ton truck brought 13 men from the 216th C. A. Their chaplain, Fr. Leo Howley, brought them. Only two had made a retreat before. They made an excellent earnest retreat. If possible the chaplain will try to have every Catholic in his post come next year.

DEATHS

Nov. 28, Fr. Jos. Piet, Santa Clara.
Dec. 5, Fr. John Nestor, Los Angeles.